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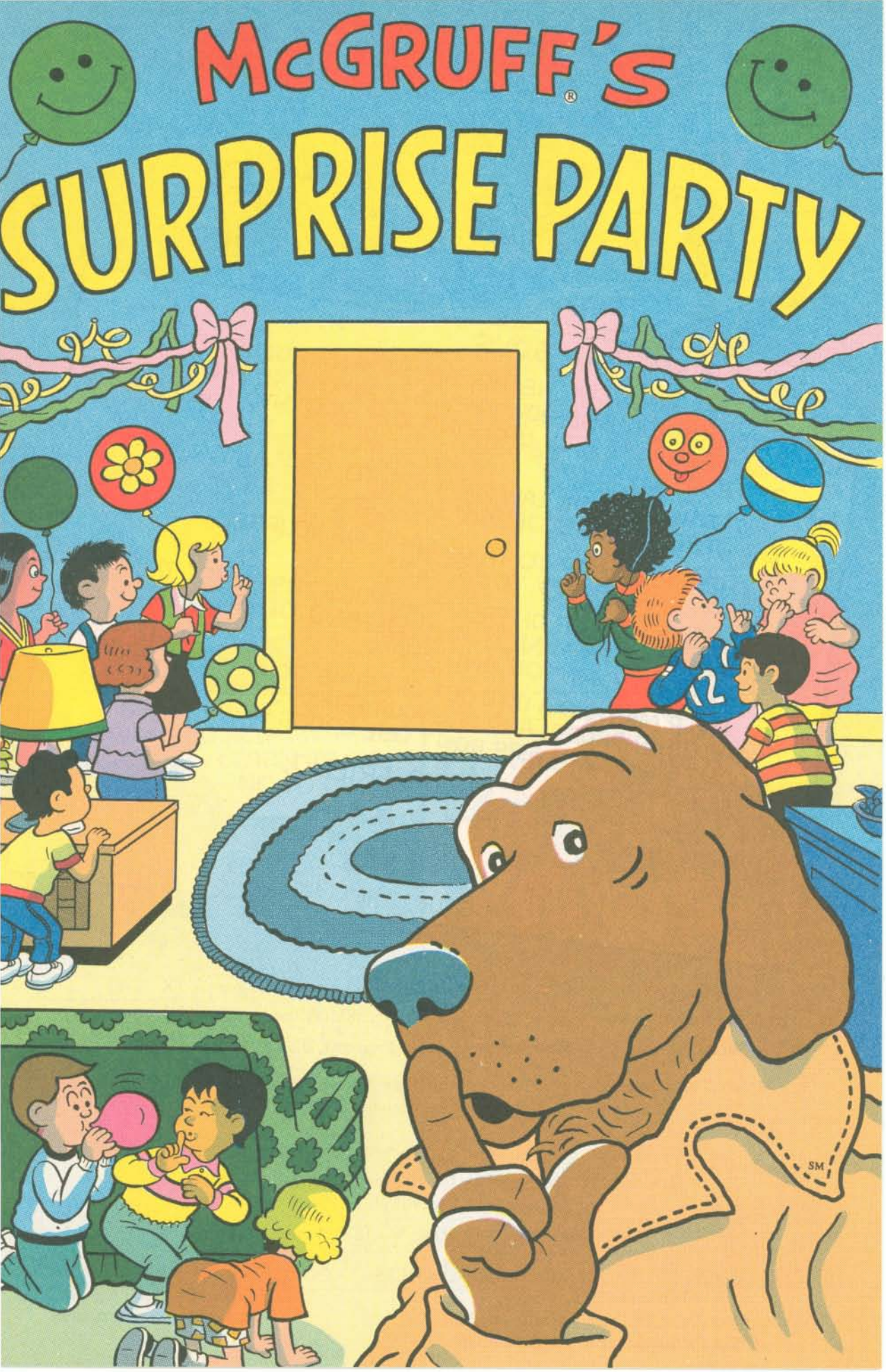

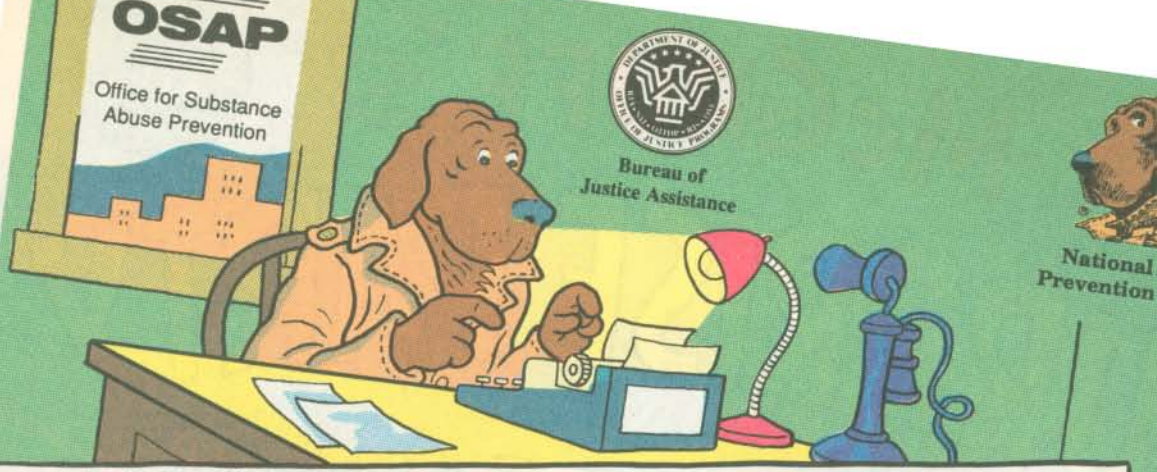

DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,

ALL OF YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS AND HOW THEY CAN HURT YOU. DRUGS CAN MAKE YOU FEEL BAD AND GET YOU INTO A LOT OF TROUBLE.

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW FOR KIDS TO USE ALCOHOL OR OTHER KINDS OF DRUGS.

THE BEST WAY TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF IS TO ALWAYS SAY **NO** TO DRUGS!

IF ANYONE EVER OFFERS YOU DRUGS, THE SMART THING TO DO IS TELL THEM **NO!** ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS CAN ONLY HURT YOU AND THEM.

HELP ME TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME. DON'T USE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS! AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS -- BE SMART! DON'T START! WINNERS DON'T USE DRUGS!

YOUR FRIEND,

McGRUFF, THE CRIME DOG

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WOULD YOU KIDS LIKE TO HELP ME HAVE A SURPRISE PARTY TODAY?

SURE!

WHO'S THE PARTY FOR?

YEAH!

McGRUFF

BOB DONOVAN

IT'S FOR A SPECIAL FRIEND. I WANT TO HELP MY FRIEND LEARN TO SAY NO TO DRUGS

I'LL TELL YOU WHO IT IS, BUT DON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE. WE'LL KEEP IT A SURPRISE!

I'LL BRING A GAME!

I'LL BRING POPCORN!

I'LL BRING BALLOONS!

McGRUFF -- I HAVE A QUESTION.

WHY SHOULD WE SAY NO TO DRUGS?

HOLD ON, KIDS!
SCREECH!
SARAH HAS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION! CAN YOU TELL HER WHY NOT TO USE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS?
DRUGS ARE BAD!
DRUGS MESS UP YOUR MIND AND BODY! THEY KEEP YOU FROM DOING WHAT YOU WANT!
WE WON'T TRY ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS BECAUSE THEY MAKE YOU FEEL STUPID SO YOU CAN'T LEARN WHAT YOU NEED TO LEARN.
ELECTRONICS MANUAL
I WON'T TRY ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS BECAUSE THEY MAKE YOU FEEL DIZZY SO YOU CAN'T PLAY AND HAVE FUN!
WE WON'T EVER TRY THEM BECAUSE THEY MAKE YOU SICK.. THEY MIGHT EVEN KILL YOU!

ALCOHOL IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR KIDS. MANY DRUGS ARE AGAINST THE LAW FOR KIDS AND ADULTS!
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE BAD! I'LL ALWAYS SAY NO TO THEM!
THAT'S GOOD! BUT SOMETIMES SAYING NO CAN BE TOUGH!
SOMETIMES AN OLDER KID OR GROUP OF KIDS WILL ASK YOU TO TRY ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS! IT'S SCARY TO STAND UP TO THEM!
YOU CAN ALWAYS MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE --- YOU CAN SAY NO TO ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS!
NOW COME ON --- LET'S GET READY FOR THE PARTY!
PIZZA
SOMETIMES IT'S TOUGH BEING A KID! BUT STAYING AWAY FROM ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS MAKES IT A LOT EASIER.

TOYS
DO YOU THINK WE GOT ENOUGH BALLOONS?
YEAH! LET'S GO DOWN TO THE PARK AND BLOW THEM UP!
BALLOONS
BALLOONS
BALLOONS
McGRUFF WAS RIGHT! SOMETIMES IT IS HARD TO SAY NO TO DRUGS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LAST NIGHT MY BIG BROTHER ASKED ME TO DRINK A BEER WITH HIM!
IS BEER A DRUG?
YES! IT'S A CRIME FOR KIDS TO USE DRUGS LIKE BEER OR WINE COOLERS--AND IT'S A CRIME FOR ANYONE TO USE DRUGS LIKE COCAINE, CRACK, PCP AND MARIJUANA!
HOW DID YOU SAY NO TO YOUR BROTHER LAST NIGHT?
COME ON, DAVE! DAD'S NOT HOME!
I SAID NO THANKS! I DON'T WANT TO DRINK! IT'S BAD FOR ME AND IT'S BAD FOR YOU. BESIDES, THERE ARE BETTER THINGS TO DO!
ALLRIGHT!
GOOD JOB, DAVE!
WHACK!

IS THIS ENOUGH POPCORN FOR THE PARTY?
ARE YOU KIDDING? WE NEED LOTS MORE!
START POPPING MORE!
POP
POP
POPPING CORN

THIS IS FUN! YOU TWO ARE GOOD FRIENDS!

SOME GIRLS I KNOW ASKED ME TO USE DRUGS! THEY'RE **NOT** FRIENDS AT ALL! DRUGS ARE SCARY!
WHAT HAPPENED?

I MET THEM IN THE PARK BEFORE I MET YOU TWO!
DON'T YOU WANT TO BE OUR FRIEND? COME TRY SOME OF THIS
I DON'T NEED THAT STUFF TO HAVE A GOOD TIME! I HAVE TO GO MEET SOME **REAL** FRIENDS!

YOU'RE RIGHT! A **REAL** FRIEND WON'T TRY TO GET YOU TO USE DRUGS! A **REAL** FRIEND WOULDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU OR GET YOU IN TROUBLE.

YOU TWO KEEP POPPING! I'M GOING TO MAKE A GAME FOR THE PARTY!
MELT THE BUTTER!
POP THAT CORN!

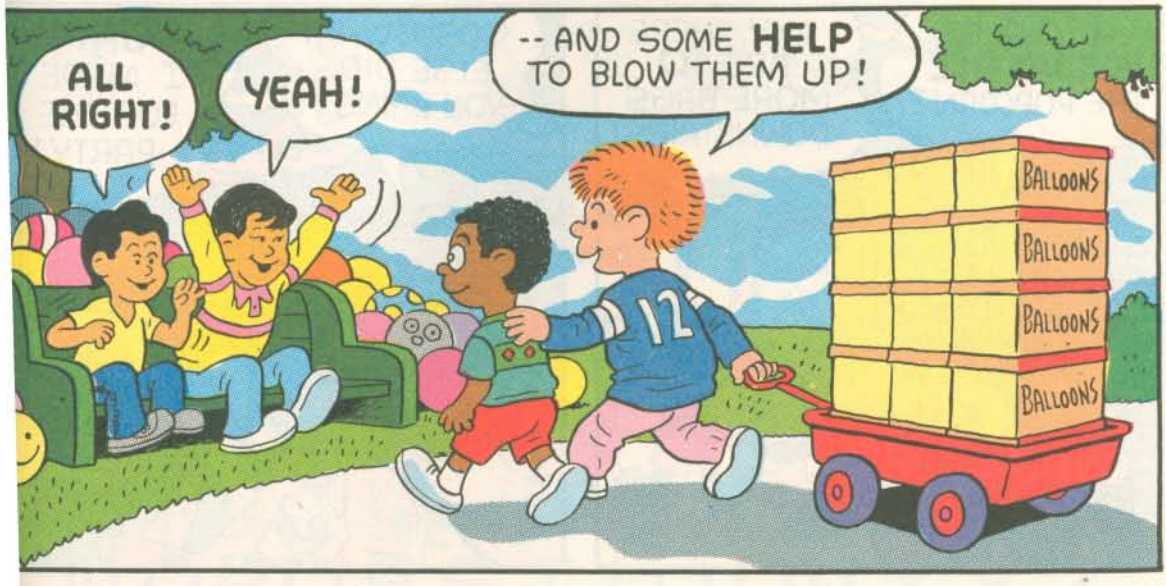
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF BALLOONS!
AND WE JUST **STARTED**! I'LL RUN AND GET SOME MORE!
GO, CHRIS, GO!
BALLOONS
HI, KEVIN! WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH-- HI, CHRIS!
THIS GUY WANTS ME TO TRY SOME STUFF BUT I TOLD HIM I WASN'T SURE!
YOU WANT TO TRY SOME?
NO, I DON'T NEED DRUGS TO HAVE FUN! I'M GOING TO A PARTY LATER!
WHERE?

AT McGRUFF'S! IT'S A **SURPRISE** PARTY! WANT TO COME?

YEAH! LET'S GO! McGRUFF'S PARTY WON'T HAVE DRUGS!
FIRST WE HAVE TO GET SOME BALLOONS!

HEY, DON'T YOU GUYS WANT TO TRY SOME OF THIS STUFF? IT'S A LOT OF FUN!
NO WAY! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME **REAL** FUN!

I GOT SOME MORE BALLOONS, GUYS--


ALL RIGHT!
YEAH!
--AND SOME **HELP** TO BLOW THEM UP!
BALLOONS
BALLOONS
BALLOONS
BALLOONS

MY GAME'S ALL DONE!
AND WE'RE FINISHED POPPING. HELP US!
KEY

WOW! THIS BAG IS PACKED FULL!
THIS IS THE LAST BOWL!

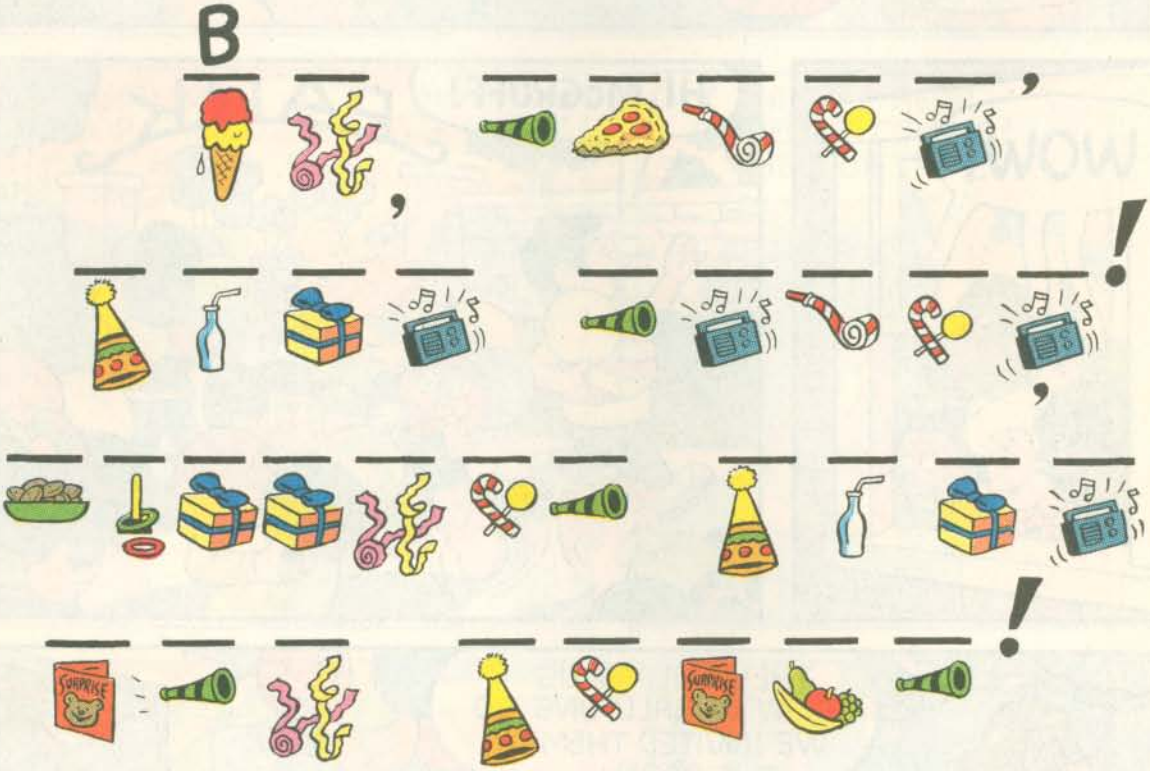
YOU TWO MADE A LOT OF POPCORN!

YEAH! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CARRY IT TO McGRUFF'S!

HI, GIRLS! IS THAT ALL THE POPCORN?
NO! THERE ARE 10 MORE BAGS DOWNSTAIRS!
McGRUFF
TACKS

GOSH! WHAT ELSE DID YOU BRING?
A GAME I MADE FOR THE PARTY!

USE THE KEY BELOW. MATCH THE PICTURES WITH THE LETTERS AND FILL IN THE BLANKS!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KEY
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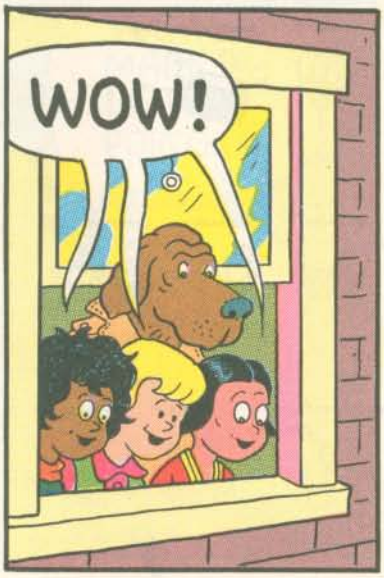
WHERE ARE THE GUYS?
COME TAKE A LOOK! I THINK I SEE THEM COMING!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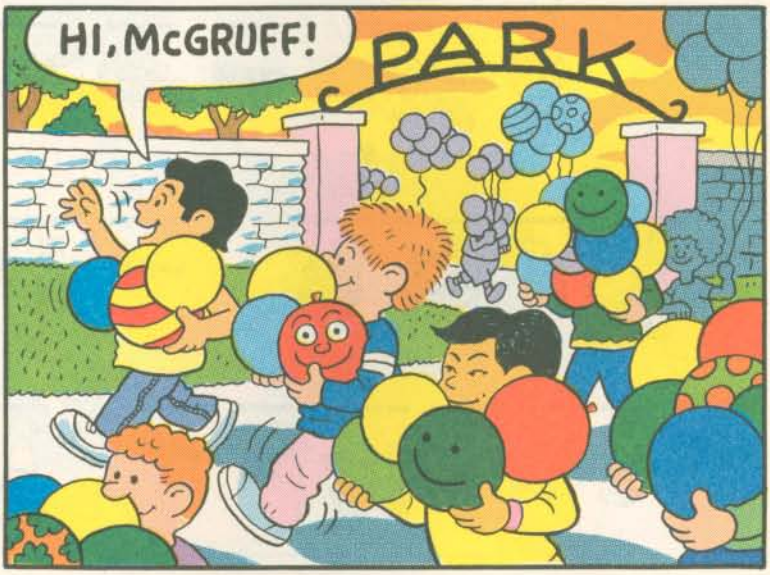
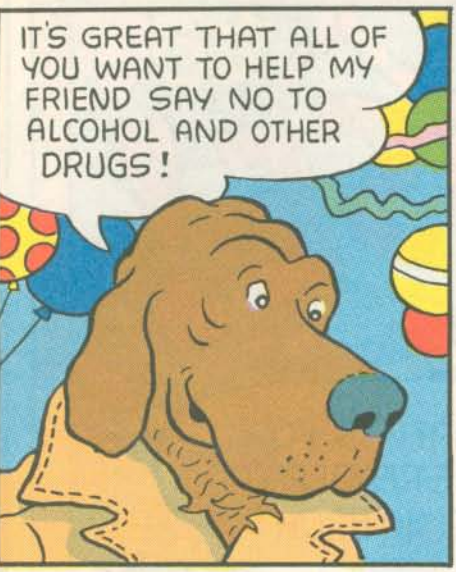

HI, McGRUFF!
PARK

THEY HELPED US BLOW UP BALLOONS SO WE INVITED THEM TO THE PARTY.
McGRUFF


IT'S GREAT THAT ALL OF YOU WANT TO HELP MY FRIEND SAY NO TO ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS!

McGRUFF, YOU HELPED US, AND WE WANT TO HELP OTHER KIDS STAY AWAY FROM ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS, TOO!

WHEN WILL YOUR FRIEND GET HERE, McGRUFF?
SHHH! EVERYBODY!

I THINK I HEAR SOMEONE COMING! BE QUIET!

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SURPRISE!
THIS PARTY IS FOR YOU, THE READER OF THIS COMIC BOOK!
YOU'RE WHY WE HAD THIS PARTY!
YOU ARE A SPECIAL PERSON!
YOU CAN HAVE A GREAT LIFE! SO BE SMART--
---DON'T START! REMEMBER, WINNERS DON'T USE DRUGS!

HERE ARE SOME **GREAT** WAYS TO SAY **NO** TO ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS!

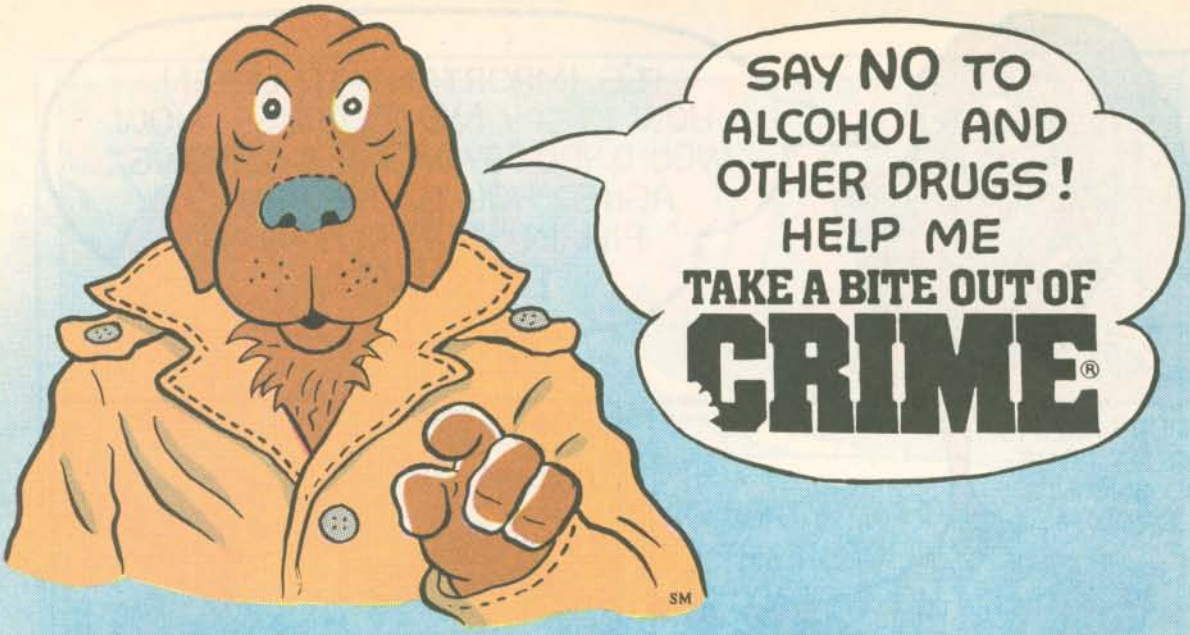
1) "HEY, WE'RE FRIENDS, BUT WE WON'T BE IF YOU KEEP MESSING WITH DRUGS."

2) "MY PARENTS TOLD ME NOT TO AND IT'S AGAINST THE LAW."

3) "I DON'T BELIEVE IN USING THAT STUFF."

4) "I DON'T NEED DRUGS -- I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO."

5) "I DON'T WANT THE HASSLE."



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